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RE: CA Water Plan Update 2005,  
and (Public) Advisory Committee  
August 17, 2005 Meeting.

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Re: California Water Plan Update 2005.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I notice that the Advisory Committee will be meeting on August 17, 2005 to undertake the Plan once again. I would like the following comments submitted for the members consideration.

VOLUMES 1 AND 4

- #1 - VOLs. 1 (New Process) and 4 (Planning Framework, and Stake Holders Survey): I commend the CA DWR for expanding the participation aspect of the updating and reviewing areas of the State's water plan process.
- #2 - I whole heartedly concur with the statement in VOL. 1 under Introduction on Page 1-3 "The principles of a fair, open, and transparent process should serve as the cornerstone for future updates..."
- #3 - I whole heartedly concur with the statement in VOL. 4 under Planning Framework on Page 3, last paragraph, second sentence "...future water plan updates won't have to start from scratch in setting up advisory committees, establishing protocols, or reinventing planning approaches." I would also add something to the effect of "or excluding the general public."

#4 - While public participation is mentioned in VOL. 1 and reference is made to VOL. 4's Planning Framework, and Customer/Stake Holders Survey information, there are still hits and misses as far as truly involving the "general public".

#5 - The DWR, or whoever is the legal arm that makes the decision (Governor, State Legislature, etc.), must implement a public participation plan if the State of California truly wants an integrated approach to water planning and management.

State how the comments will be handled from DWR staff--responded to, or lumped together in a commonality way (issues, suggestions, etceteras) in the public participation plan. Or does this need legislative action? Or is this already in the State Government Codes? If so, reference the codes.

#6 - The Public Advisory Committee doesn't have any members from the "general public" (laypersons). So, since the Draft refers to it as the advisory committee, the "Public" should be deleted from the name in the Draft Plan.

#7 - Not all members of the "general public" (laypersons) have computers. So notices must also be provided in local newspapers.

#8 - The Internet (State's DWR Website) information is outstanding. I didn't know until July 2005 that the update process was still ongoing. I was privy to the update before the process was up and running, but many issues at the City, County, State and Federal government levels, as well as family responsibilities--I have been supplementing 4 other families due to widowhood, divorce, unemployment, etceteras with my husband's income since 2000 (he was self-employed and up until a few weeks into this year became an employee). Though overwhelming for a layperson, I'm grateful for its availability.

How long will the information on the entire process--not just the Final Plan--be available on the DWR's Website?

- #9 - Have cities and counties include notices on their respective websites to notify their constituents about the State's water plan updates.

Pages 1 and 2 of VOL. 4's Customer and Stake Holders Survey are perfect for this. The local governments just need a blurb to go with it.

The Cities of Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley had on their websites notification regarding the County of Ventura's Consolidated Plan, or Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Plan update.

- #10 - People shouldn't have to be entering names, or passwords to access the survey. I understand the need for this information when a person wishes to submit the information in this avenue(form) and wants to be credited, and for Agency staff to post the comments.
- #11 - Notices of the State's water plan updates could be included(once) with water customers' monthly water bills. This process takes place every five years, and water customers pay rate hikes whether we have wet or dry years to the water suppliers.
- #12 - The words "Customer" and "Stake holder" are used in the Draft Plan. Sometimes customer seems to signify stake holder and vice versa. Are they one and the same thing? If customer means the "general public", or water purveyors/suppliers, or State agencies, or organizations, or businesses, or institutions, then please specify for clarification purposes.
- #13 - Include a list--I have not gotten through all of the Draft Plan sections--that breaks down the Project Team(Page vi, VOL. 1, Strategic Plan) by State Agency, Organization, Water Suppliers/Purveyors/related entities, Tribes, Businesses, Institutional, etc., instead of just by Work Teams/Facilitator Team? Otherwise, it's a task to cross-reference the names with the Public Advisory Committee(Page ix), and the Commentators (Page xii) to grasp what entity they represented.

Mr. Dabbs, the following comments and questions are for you and DWR staff.

### COMMENTS

1. Page xii: "David G. Emery Public" under the Commentators section needs a comma (VOL. 1).
2. Public Review Draft Public Comments list DWR Website section - The following items need correcting (# is skipped, or new Author not given a #, or Author previously listed is deleted):

<u>MISSING #S</u>	<u>AUTHOR NO #</u>	<u>AUTHOR DELETED</u>
23	6/16 San Joaquin FBF	Traci Billington
26	6/16 Colleen Foster	Lloyd Fryer
33	6/22 David Nesmith	Milan Cernosek
42	6/30 L Women Voters	John Sarna
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3. Public Review Draft Public Comments list - The following submitted comments "Dated" and "Received" posting are backwards: #119 (Trindell), #120 (Sandkulla), #121 (Duckler), and #122 (Kamhi).
4. I noticed that "# 67, has been corrected to read Jim Meyer instead of John Meyer.

### QUESTIONS

1. Page x: "Torri Estrada - Urgan Habitat Program, San Francisco, 2001", is Urgan correct, or should this read Urban?
2. Why was the Texas Water Development Board invited as a guest speaker--I can understand inviting the "Guest Speakers" from Colorado?
3. Why were the first 4 pages of VOL. 1 - Strategic Plan not numbered--the page numbering sequence begins with Page v?

Mr. Dabbs, my thanks to the DWR for making so many avenues available for public comments on the updated Plan. Also, I commend Governor Schwarzenegger, the DWR, other State agencies, the (Public) Advisory Committee, the facilitator, and others on the outstanding efforts to put the California Water Plan Update 2005 together. I also thank the public, most especially the "general public" commentators for lending their voices to this extremely critical issue to validate the process for those who were unaware, or didn't give the matter further thought, or whose lives don't allow their participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs. Teresa Jordan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Mrs. Teresa Jordan